

# The American Association for Thoracic Surgery

**Save the Date!**

## Heart Valve Summit: Medical, Surgical, and Interventional Decision Making

**September 10–12, 2009**

**Chicago Marriott Downtown Magnificent Mile  
Chicago, Illinois, USA**

The American Association for Thoracic Surgery (AATS) and the American College of Cardiology Foundation (ACCF) present the Scientific Program for the 2009 Heart Valve Summit: Medical, Surgical, and Interventional Decision-Making taking place September 10–12, 2009, in Chicago, IL.

This two-and-one-half-day interactive program, with the world's leading cardiac surgeons and cardiologists, offers an integrative approach to managing the medical, surgical, and interventional challenges in valvular heart disease. The expert faculty will provide evidence-based strategies that will impact your practice performance and improve outcomes for your patients with valvular heart disease. Full program information can be found at [www.aats.org/valve](http://www.aats.org/valve).

### Highlights include:

- Distinguished Honored Lecture on the past and future of valvular heart disease given by **Dr Eugene Braunwald**;
- Special Lectures including:
  - the history, techniques and outcomes of Aortic Valve Sparing given by **Dr Tirone David**;
  - the asymptomatic Patient with severe valve disease given by **Dr Robert Bonow**; and
  - the Why the Guidelines do not go far enough given by **Dr Steven Bolling**.
- Individual Case Presentations on
  - Clinical Scenarios of Mitral Valve and Aortic Valve Disease
  - Mitral Valve Regurgitation
  - Aortic Valve Stenosis
  - Mitral Stenosis and Tricuspid Regurgitation
- Physician Breakout Sessions focusing on:
  - Echo: Advanced Cardiac Valve Imaging
  - Decision Making: Where Management Guidelines Do Not Go
  - Surgical Video: Complex Mitral Repair and Aortic Root Surgery
- Nursing and Physician Assistant Breakout Session focusing on:
  - Caring for the Patient with Valvular Heart Disease

## Registration

Space is limited, register today at [www.aats.org/valve](http://www.aats.org/valve).

## Accreditation

### Physicians

The American Association for Thoracic Surgery is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

The AATS designates this educational activity for a maximum of **20 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™**. Physicians should only claim credits commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

### Nurses

The American College of Cardiology Foundation is accredited as a provider of continuing nursing education by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation.

The ACCF designates this educational activity for a maximum of 20 continuing education hours. Requirements for successful completion are attendance in a session in its entirety and completing the evaluation tool. Each attendee should only claim credits commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity. While offering credits noted above, the program is not intended to provide extensive training or certification in the field.

## Aortic Symposium 2010

**April 29–30, 2010**

**Sheraton New York Hotel and Towers  
New York, New York**

### Course Directors:

Randall B. Griepp, MD  
Mount Sinai School of Medicine

Steven L. Lansman, MD, PhD  
Westchester Medical Center

### Program Overview:

Aortic Symposium 2010 is a two-day symposium focused on the pathophysiology, diagnosis, and treatment of aortic aneurysms and dissections. This conference is designed for cardiovascular and thoracic surgeons, residents, perfusionists, ICU and OR nurses, and those involved with the care of individuals with aortic disease. The faculty consists of world leaders in this field who have been invited to share their experience regarding difficult problems in aortic disease.

### Call for Abstracts:

The Call for Abstracts Web site will open during the summer of 2009. When this occurs, select the Abstract/Video

Submission Link. Specific instructions for abstract/video submission are located on the submission Web site, including how to submit graphs or charts.

Authors submitting abstracts/videos for AORTIC SYMPOSIUM 2010 must use electronic submission ONLY.

**Abstracts/Videos must be received by Friday, December 11, 2009, by 11:59 PM Eastern Standard Time.**

Visit [www.aats.org/aortic](http://www.aats.org/aortic) to learn more about Aortic Symposium 2010.

## AATS Meetings and Sponsored Events

### September

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### February

**February 5–9, 2010**

#### **The Tenth Annual International Symposium on Congenital Heart Disease**

Renaissance Vinoy Resort  
St Petersburg, Florida, USA

### April

**April 29–30, 2010**

#### **Aortic Symposium 2010**

Sheraton New York Hotel and Towers  
New York City, New York, USA

### May

**May 1–5, 2010**

#### **AATS 90th Annual Meeting**

Metro Toronto Convention Centre  
Toronto, Ontario, Canada

## 2010 AATS Academy Applications Now Available

**Thursday Evening and Friday, April 29 & 30, 2010, Toronto, ON, Canada** (*Held immediately prior to the AATS Annual Meeting*)

Applications are now available for the 2010 AATS Academy. The AATS Academy is an intensive didactic and interactive program for surgeons showing significant promise as potential future division chiefs or who have recently assumed the role of division chief. For additional information regarding the Academy please visit [www.aats.org](http://www.aats.org). Interested applicants should meet the following qualifications before applying:

- Achieved the rank of Associate Professor
- Active/successful clinical surgeon
- Evidence of local institutional and/or state/regional leadership ability
- Evidence of academic productivity including peer-reviewed publications and presentations at regional or national scientific meetings
- Funded research is preferable but not essential

Applications for consideration must be submitted electronically at [www.aats.org](http://www.aats.org) by **December 1, 2009**. Academy participants will be selected by the Academy Committee and notified no later than February 5, 2010. The number of available slots is limited.

## Applications for Membership Now Available Online

Applications for membership in the Association are now available online at [www.aats.org](http://www.aats.org). Interested applicants are encouraged to review the membership requirements and guidelines on the AATS Web site.

To apply for membership, a current member of the Association must act as the primary sponsor by initiating the application process in the Members Only area of the AATS Web site. Applications must be received by **November 30, 2009**, for consideration. All applications received after that deadline will be automatically deferred until 2010.

## The Western Thoracic Surgical Association

### Applications for Membership

Applications for membership in the Association must be received by the Membership Committee Chair no later than March 1, 2010 to be considered at the 2010 Annual Meeting. Applicants must be sponsored by three members of the Association who are not members of the Membership

Committee. Application forms will be issued only to sponsoring members.

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